Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 15th of July, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr.E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr.R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr.W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Immigration.
Present : Acting Controller of Permits.

2. The returns for the month of May of persons entering and leaving Palestine, were examined, and the question was reserved for further examination, after receipt of the figures for the month of June.

Tobacco Industry.
Present : Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade.

3. A memorandum on the Tobacco Industry by the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, together with the minutes of two meetings of the Tobacco Committee held at the Governorate Haifa, on the 31st of May and 24th of June were discussed.

It was decided to increase the number of Tobacco Field Officers/ to a total not exceeding 18, the number of the increase to be determined in consultation with the Treasurer and the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade; and that consideration of the further recommendations of the Tobacco Committee in regard to

(a) a presumptive charge;
(b) the fixing of a minimum area to be planted with tobacco;
(c) Heisheh Tobacco,

should be deferred for reconsideration in the light of further experience of the working of the Tobacco Ordinance. The Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade was instructed to furnish figures establishing the proportion of loss to revenue due to smuggling and that due to evasions of the Excise Law.

It was further decided that Heisheh Tobacco should be treated as a separate question and that the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade should consider whether it should be regarded as tobacco or not.

The proposals /

The proposals for the increase of (a) the Preventive Force on the Eastern and Northern Border and (b) for the prohibition of the importation and sale of cigarette cartons and paper were rejected.

ad Board Report. esent: Director partment of Public orks.

4. The minutes of the fourth meeting of the Road Board, and a memorandum on Jerusalem Arterial Roads by the Director of Public Works were discussed.

(a) Haifa Port.

The recommendations of the Board were approved.

(b) Jerusalem Arterial Roads.

It was decided that Government should assist the Municipality in the maintenance of the following arterial roads - Jaffa road, Hebron road, Jericho road, Nablus road (including extension from Damascus Gate to St.George's Cathedral). It was also decided that Government should contribute during the year 1926-27, on the certificate of the Director of Public Works, half the actual cost of re-surfacing and maintenance of these roads up to a maximum amount of £E.2,475, and that two rollers and bitumen plant should be purchased by the Public Works Department and loaned to Municipalities on repayment at half the ordinary rates, for use on arterial roads.

(c) Hedera Railway Feeder Road.

It was decided that this should be treated as a village road, and that Government assistance towards construction should be given by the loan of technical advice and tools, the free issue of blasting and culvert material and that the General Manager, Palestine Railways, should be instructed to cause the limestone metalling for surfacing the road to be transported by the Railways at cost price.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

20 July, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 20th July, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

sing Site.Railway kshop, Haifa.

2. A proposal to acquire an area of land of 200 dunums, in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway Workshops Site at Haifa, at an approximate cost of £E.4000, was discussed, and it was decided that at present sufficient grounds for acquiring this land did not exist, since the site was not immediately required.

ft Railway inance and Rules ining the powers the G.M.R.

3.(a) The draft Railway Ordinance and Rules defining the powers of the General Manager recommended in Mr. Anthony's report were considered, and it was decided that the following principles should be applied to the administration of the Palestine Railways :-

(1) The relations between the High Commissioner and the General Manager, shall be those subsisting between the Head of the Government and a department of that Government.

(2) The Railway Board shall possess capacities of an advisory nature, to be defined by the High Commissioner by Regulation, under the Railway Ordinance.

(3) The General Manager shall hold office as the head of a Government Department.

(4) His office and the administration of the department shall be subject to Colonial Regulations, and to the General, Financial and Stores Regulations of the Government of Palestine, for the time being in force, save in so far as express exemptions from those regulations may be made.

(5) The rules defining the powers of the General Manager shall not be made retro-active in effect from 1st July, 1920, but shall take effect from the date of publication.

(b) /

(b) The Acting Attorney General to re-draft the Ordinance and Rules, in accordance with the foregoing principles.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

24th July, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 24th July, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Exemption from Customs Duties.

2. Certain objections of the Director of the Department of Health to items included in the Notice giving exemptions from Customs duties to surgical and medical appliances, disinfectants and drugs, raw and prepared, published in the Official Gazette of the 1st of June, were discussed and it was decided :-

(a) that the words "Surgical and Dental dressings" should be added to paragraph 4 of this Notice; and

(b) that the other proposed amendments of the Director of the Department of Health should be reconsidered in six months time and steps /before should/then be taken to ascertain

(i) whether abuses of these exemptions, such as the unauthorised importation of dangerous drugs into the country had occurred;

(ii) whether a considerable loss of revenue had resulted in the importation of such disinfectants as are used in commercial processes.

Correction of Land Registers Ordinance.

3. A draft Ordinance amending the Correction of Land Registers Ordinance 1926, and regulations under the draft Ordinance, were considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer

28 July,1926. HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 27TH JULY, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Village Roads Ordinance, 1926.

2. The Council considered a despatch dated the 16th of June from the Secretary of State on the subject of the draft Village Roads Ordinance. The following decisions were made :-

(a) Clause 2(a) : Definition of taxable inhabitant. Delete from "other than" to end of sub-paragraph.

(b) Clause 4(1)(b): Delete from "construction of" to end of sub-paragraph and insert after "made for the" the words "execution of such works".

(c) Clause 6 : The following sub-clause to be added:
"(2) If the number of taxable "inhabitants who have made the "notification mentioned in the "preceding section exceeds the "number of persons who can be "employed upon the works, those "taxable inhabitants who desire "to be, but cannot be, so em-"ployed, shall be exempt from "making the money contribution "mentioned in the preceding "section."

(d) Clause 9 to be deleted.

(e) Other amendments proposed by the Secretary of State to be accepted.

His Excellency/

His Excellency directed that the Secretary of State should be informed, with reference to the fourth sentence of paragraph 4 of his despatch, that it is not at present possible in Palestine to define the limits of a village.

atuity to estate the late George y Khoury.

3. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, confirmed the grant of a gratuity of £E.725 to the legal personal representative of the late George Bey Khoury, Palestine Railways.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

2nd August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 2ND OF AUGUST, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr.R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr.W.J.Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

rities Exemption m Customs Ordin-ce.

2. His Excellency directed that the draft Charities Exemption from Customs Ordinance should be redrafted to provide for the payment of a deposit on the clearance of articles exempted by the Ordinance, to be refunded on proof being furnished of delivery to the charitable institution concerned.

igration Statis-s.

3. The Council noted the immigration statistics for the month of June 1926 and His Excellency directed that, having regard to the existing unemployment, further particulars should be obtained with regard to the disposal of male and female immigrants admitted under category "C".

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

10th August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Acting Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
Acting Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

portation of ttle and Meat.

2. A proposal to exempt sheep and cattle imported for purposes of slaughter and frozen meat from payment of Customs duty was considered and approved. It was decided that a weekly report on meat prices should be furnished by District Commissioners for consideration at the weekly meeting of Executive Council.

It was further decided that the attention of District Commissioners should be drawn to Section 3 paragraph (ff) of the Vilayet Municipal Law of the 27th Ramadan, 1294, which lays down that it is the duty of a Municipal Council to take measures for the prevention of the cornering of goods; and that they should be instructed to encourage municipalities to make use of their powers under this Law as occasion demanded, with particular regard to the fixing of maximum meat prices.

pply of Cattle lague Serum.

3. Proposals for obtaining an emergency supply of serum were considered and it was decided that :

(a) an enquiry should be made from the Egyptian Government as to the minimum quantity of serum which they would be prepared to supply regularly to this Government and the amount of the guarantee required by them;

(b) a telegraphic enquiry should be made from the Secretary of State as to the possibility of obtaining serum at cheaper rates from other sources.

ave - Casual ployees.

4. A proposal that all casual employees should be granted 7 days leave in respect of each year's service in the manner laid down for unclassified employees in General Regulations Chapter 2 Section 6, Regulation 9, was considered and it was decided that the General Regulations should be revised to provide the grant of such leave at the discretion of Heads of Departments and in accordance with departmental regulations.

esent; General nager, Palestine ilways. Director, pt. of Public rks and Postmaster neral.

It was /

It was further decided to amend General Regulations in order to remove inconsistencies in regard to the use of the term casual employee and to make provision for religious observances by officers subject to/exigencies/the of public service.

The Chief Secretary to draft instructions to carry these decisions into effect.

ensions to the ependents of the ate Mr.Ille and aris Hezayan.

resent : General anager, Palestine ailways.

5. A proposal to recommend the grant of a pension to the dependents of the late Mr.Ille and Faris Hezayan of the Palestine Railways was considered and it was decided that the proceedings of the enquiry were in some respects obscure but that no act of omission on the part of Mr. Ille contributed to the accident causing his death and Faris Hezayan was acting as a subordinate and it was further decided to recommend to the Secretary of State the payment of the pensions and gratuities which could be made under Section 19(2) of the Palestine Pensions Ordinance.

xcise duty on atches.

6. A proposal to impose an Excise duty on matches was considered and it was decided that such a duty should not be imposed at present.

xemption from ustoms duty of ertain educa- ional institu- ions.

7. Recommendations for the exemption from Customs duty of certain educational institutions were considered and approved subject to investigations in regard to certain individual institutions by the Director of Education.

affa Municipality: unicipal Park.

8. A proposal for the payment of a grant-in-aid in the amount of £.6000 to the Jaffa Municipality, to provide for the payment of compensation for the expropriation of land for the Jaffa Municipal Park, was considered and it was decided that this sum should be advanced as a loan to the Municipality repayable in three equal annual instalments, commencing from one year from the date on which the loan is made, with interest at 5% per annum.

oad Board roceedings.

9. The proceedings of the 5th Meeting of the Road Board, held on the 4th of August, were laid before the Council who observed as follows :-

(a) It was decided to direct the Road Board to consider again the question of the Hedera Village Road and to submit specific recommendations in this regard.

(b) It was noted that the census of traffic now being prepared by the Director of Public Works would prove of guidance (i) in determining the amount of municipal contributions to the upkeep of roads, and (ii) the share of municipalities in the revenue derived from Road Transport Licences.

(c) A definite recommendation should be furnished by the Board in regard to the width of the proposed Jaffa-Petah-Tikvah Road.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Herbert Sam

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

17 August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 17TH AUGUST, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Attorney General, Mr.N. de M.Bentwich.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

termination of rusalem Munici- l Area.

sent: District ficer, Jerusalem.

2. The proposed boundaries to delimit the Jerusalem Municipal Area were considered and it was decided that a further meeting between representatives of the District Commissioner, the Municipality and the outlying suburbs, which it had been proposed to exclude for the present from the municipal boundaries, should be convened, in order:

(a) to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of these quarters; and

(b) in the event of the Municipality being unable to agree to their inclusion, to afford an opportunity for giving an explanation of the reasons for their decision.

uneration of hhtars in con- ction with To- cco Cultivation.

3. A proposal for the grant to Mukhtars of remuneration for duties undertaken by them in connection with the declaration of areas under Tobacco cultivation and other assistance to Tobacco Excise Officers at a rate corresponding approximately to P.2 per dunum of land assessed, was approved in principle.

The Acting Treasurer to consult with the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, as to the exact method of calculating and paying this remuneration.

nsion and Gra- ities to the pendents of the te Suleiman del Wahab, lestine Railways.

4. The recommendation to the Secretary of State of the grant of a pension to the widow of the late Suleiman Abdel Wahab, a porter of the Palestine Railways, killed in the exercise of his duty while coupling two trucks, in the amount of £.10 per annum, was approved and also the grant of the following gratuities to his two children :

To his son Hasan	aged 11	£. 4.
To his son Nimr	aged 2	£.13.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Plumer F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

24 August, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Thirty-First Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 24th August, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Attorney General, Mr.N.de M.Bentwich.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

ttle Plague.

2. Memoranda from the Director of the Department of Agriculture and from the Commandant of Police on the present situation in regard to the cattle plague were considered; and it was decided that in cases of prosecution for offences against the Ordinance, application for the confiscation of the stock should be made to the magistrate by Veterinary Officers.

A proposal by the Director of Agriculture to establish a cordon across the Northern District, by the agency of volunteers, in order to restrict the movement of cattle and prevent the spread of the plague to the Northern portion of the district, was approved.

xemption of Oars rom Customs Duty.

3. It was decided to exempt oars from the payment of Customs Duty on importation by including them within Section 6 of Schedule I to the Customs Duties Exemption Ordinance 1924.

egulations under ection 4 of the anderolle Ordinnce, 1926.

4. It was decided to amend Section 4 of the draft Banderolle Ordinance by an addition in the following terms :

> "(d) The circumstances in which a retail dealer may open and dispose of the contents of a container duly banderolled."

The promulgation of the bill should be deferred until the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade shall have notified the Government of the arrival of the necessary Banderolles.

Regulations /

Regulations under Section 4 of the amended Bill including provision as to the sale of single boxes of matches, were considered and approved for publication simultaneously with the Order promulgating the Ordinance.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Stanley Fn

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

31st August, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at the Government Offices

on the 31st of August, 1926.

Present:- Lord Plumer.
Mr. E.Mills.
Mr. N.Bentwich.
Mr. W.J.Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

ISE DUTY ON CHES.
esent:Director, pt.of Customs, ise & Trade.

2. The proposal for the imposition of an excise duty upon matches was reconsidered, and reserved for further consideration in October next.

EMPTION OF GAZ L FROM CUSTOMS ES.
esent:Director, pt.of Customs, ise & Trade.

3. The proposal for the exemption of Gaz Oil from Customs Duty was considered and it was decided that the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade should be authorised to exempt this oil as included within the term "Solar Oil" employed in the Schedule to the Customs Duties Exemption Ordinance.

The Chief Secretary to endeavour to ascertain from the trade a generic term to describe all heavy fuel oils of which exemption from duty was intended under the Schedule to this Ordinance.

DITION TO AUSE 3 OF THE GULATIONS UNDER E PASSPORT DINANCE.

4. An addition to Clause 3 of the Regulations under the Passport Ordinance to substitute a fixed and uniform fee of P.10 for the grant of return visas to this country to persons permanently resident in Palestine, in lieu of the reciprocal visa fees hitherto in force, was considered and approved.

5. Colonial Office despatch Confidential 'B' dated

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the 17th of August regarding a proposal for the restoration of the Elective Character of Municipalities, was read. It was decided:

(1) That Palestinian Citizenship must be a qualification for an elector.

(2) That members of communities should be free to vote for candidates from communities not their own.

(3) The question of sectarian elements within communities was left for further consideration.

(4) The question of filling vacancies by bye-elections was considered and reserved.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE ROAD BOARD.

6. The proceedings of the 6th Meeting of the Road Board held on the 30th of August, 1926, were considered and in general the various points raised were reserved for further consideration.

The Attorney General to consult with the Director of Public Works in regard to the application of the provisions of the Width and Alignment of Roads Ordinance.

It was further decided that the Hederah Railway Feeder Road should not be described or treated as a village road; and that the Colony should be given the loan of roller and tools, the free issue of blasting and culvert material and such technical assistance as may be necessary and a grant from Government for the cost of carriage of the limestone required for the construction of the Road. The Railway to be required to bear the cost of this grant.

Minutes read and confirmed.

F.B. Lyon

7 September, 1926. OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Thirty-Third Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 7th September, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. de M.Bentwich.
Mr. W. J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Road Board.

2. A list of roads to which it is proposed to apply Section 4, sub-paragraph 1,and Section 5 of the Width and Alignment of Roads Ordinance, 1926, submitted by the Road Board in its sixth meeting, was considered and approved, subject to the addition of the municipal area of Jenin to the areas to be excluded from the operation of the Ordinance.

Imprisonment for Debt.

3. A proposal to revive a system existing under the old Ottoman law, whereby a creditor who applied for his debtor's imprisonment was called upon to pay for the expenses of his imprisonment at a fixed daily rate, was considered and reserved for further consideration. The matter to be referred back to the Chief Justice with a request that he obtain the views of the Presidents of District Courts, and resubmitted to Executive Council when these views have been obtained.

Extra mural employment of prisoners.

4. A proposal to introduce the system of extra mural employment of prisoners was considered and approved in principle.

The matter /

The matter to be referred back to the Commandant with a request that he submit a detailed scheme indicating the precise manner in which the system would operate; and resubmitted to the Council when this scheme shall have been obtained.

egulations under the ensions (Ottoman Service) Ordinance,1926.

5. Regulations under Section 4 of the Pensions (Ottoman Service) Ordinance were considered and passed for publication.

xemption of Educaional Institutions rom Customs duty.

6. A proposal to exempt certain schools from Customs Duty was considered and approved, subject to reconsideration of the proper title of the institution described as the "Palestine Textile Industry Manor Co."

ebrew Technical nstitute, Haifa.

7. A proposal to charge the Hebrew Technical Institute,Haifa, with transfer fees in respect of the registration of the site of the Institute in its name, calculated upon the original purchase price, instead of the present market value of the land, was considered and approved in principle, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed.

F.B. Symes

Officer Administering the Government.

14 September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. de M.Bentwich.
Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

bacco Amendment rdinance.

2. An amendment to the Tobacco Ordinance, 1925, to include tombac within the definition of tobacco given in Section 2 of the Ordinance was considered and approved.

A further amendment to Section 37(2) to establish a fixed fine of £.3 for the offence of being in possession of contraband tobacco, instead of a fine not exceeding £.3, was discussed and reserved for further consideration.

The Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, to furnish specific instances in which the existing penalty had proved insufficient, and to consider whether a fixed fine of a lower amount would not be sufficient. The matter to be resubmitted at the meeting of Executive Council to be held on Tuesday the 21st September.

thes Commission port.

3. The Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee appointed to consider what measures could be taken in advance of Land Settlement to replace the existing system of collection of tithe by the collection of revenue on an annual assessment for a term of years, and the comments thereon of the District Commissioners, were considered and it was decided to submit the Reports together with these observations to the Colonial Office and to request the Secretary of State for permission to publish a slightly censored version of the Reports in order to gauge the attitude of public opinion in Palestine towards the proposals of the Committee.

Ordinance to lidate the Rutenrg Concession.

4. A draft Ordinance to validate the Rutenberg Concession was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the substitution in the final line of Section 5 of the words "Chief Justice" for the words "High Commissioner".

Minutes read and confirmed.

P.B. Symes

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

21 September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

obacco(Amendment) rdinance, 1925.

2. An amendment to Section 37(2) of the Tobacco Ordinance 1925, to establish a fixed fine for the offence of being in possession of contraband tobacco, was further considered in the light of more detailed information furnished by the Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, and it was decided to fix a minimum fine of £E.1.

resent: Director, epartment of Customs, Excise and rade.

The Attorney General to draft the necessary legislative amendment.

ustoms Exemptions (Charitable Institutions) Ordinance.

3. The draft Customs Exemption (Charitable Institutions) Ordinance was considered and withdrawn for further reference to the Attorney General in regard to the amendment of the third column of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

unicipal Franchise rdinance.

4. The draft Municipal Franchise Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

orkmen's Compensation Ordinance.

5. The draft Workmen's Compensation Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

revention of Intimidation Ordinance.

6. The draft Prevention of Intimidation Ordinance was considered and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 136th Meeting.

P.B. Symes

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

28th September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

stoms Exemptions haritable Insti- tions)Ordinance.

2. The draft Customs Exemptions (Charitable Institutions) Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

atuity to the es- te of the late .T. Mossauba.

3. It was decided to recommend to the Secretary of State the compassionate grant of a gratuity in the amount of £.400 to the estate of the late Dr.Mossauba, the equivalent of one year's pensionable emoluments, calculated in accordance with Section 18 of the Pensions Ordinance, 1926.

This sum to be divided according to the Civil Law of Intestate Succession laid down in the Succession Ordinance, 1923, in equal portions of £.200 each between the wife and father of the deceased.

berias Baths ncession.

4. The Tiberias Baths Concession was considered and it was decided that Government should receive annually from the Concessionaire the sum of £.3000 of which £.500 is rent for the State Domain leased; the sum of £.2,500 to be utilised as follows:-

(1) £.500 to Wakf Administration
(2) £.2000 to Tiberias Municipality.

In addition the Government have the duty of making a grant to local education.

rial Upon Informa- ion (Amendment)Or- inance.

5. An Ordinance to amend the Trial Upon Information Ordinance, 1924, with respect to the Civil trial of members of the Forces was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State subject to the deletion of Clause 3.

The Attorney General to give an undertaking not to lodge an appeal against the acquittal, on trial by a Civil Court, of a member of the forces. The reasons for adopting this decision to be explained in the despatch accompanying the draft Ordinance to the Colonial Office.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 137th Meeting.

G.S. Symes

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

5 October, 1926.